

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, IC  
SUBJECT: EXPORT LOADING BAN CALLED FOR APRIL 13 BY DOCK WORKERS

1. ICELANDIC GENERAL AND TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (VMSI)  
ANNOUNCED APRIL 5 THAT BAN ON LOADING SHIPS WILL COMMENCE APRIL  
13. IMPORTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNLOADED BUT NO EXPORTS WILL BE  
LOADED BY UNION MEMBERS FROM THAT DATE.

2. VMSI PROTESTING GOI ECONOMIC MEASURES, PARTICULARLY REDUCTION  
IN COST OF LIVING INCREASES PAID MARCH 1ST. SINCE WILDCAT  
STRIKE BY PILOTS (REYKJAVIK 0456 NOTAL) WAS ILLEGAL ACTION, THIS  
WOULD BE FIRST LEGAL STRIKE SINCE ECONOMIC MEASURES INTRODUCED  
IN FEBRUARY.

3. UNCERTAIN HOW EFFECTIVE EXPORT BAN WOULD BE NATIONWIDE.  
ALREADY WESTFJORDS BRANCH OF VMSI HAS DECLARED IT WOULD NOT GO  
ALONG WITH BAN AND, SINCE INDIVIDUAL UNIONS MAY DECIDE  
PARTICIPATION FOR THEMSELVES, OTHER BRANCHES OF FEDERA-  
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TION MAY ALSO OPT OUT. IN ADDITION, WHILE PORT WORK  
IS ONLY PART-TIME JOB FOR LONGSHOREMEN OUTSIDE OF  
CAPITAL, REYKJAVIK EMPLOYEES ARE FULL-TIME DOCKWORKERS  
WHO, SOON AFTER STRIKES LAST FALL AND MARCH 1-2, MAY NOT  
BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF MORE PAY-  
LESS PAYDAYS. PRESSURE WOULD ALSO BE ON IF EMPLOYERS,  
IN RESPONSE TO LOADING STOPPAGE, LOCK OUT OTHER HARBOR

WORKERS.

4. COMMENT: THIS MAY BE FIRST SALVO IN SPRING LABOR  
WARFARE OR IT COULD BE FAILURE AKIN TO MARCH 1-2  
"GENERAL STRIK" (REYKJAVIK 0330 NOTAL). MANY UNIONS  
HAVE GIVEN REQUIRED NOTICE OF ABROGATION OF CONTRACTS  
AND, WITH ONE WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT, MAY STRIKE AT ANY  
TIME. NO ONE IS SURE WHICH WAY SITUATION WILL GO  
ALTHOUGH IF HARBOR LOCKOUT FOLLOWS VMSI ACTION, GOI  
MAY FACE SEVERE PRE-ELECTORAL LABOR STRIFE.  
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